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Nevada Highway Patrol Captain Graduates From National Homeland Security Master's Degree Program

*One Nevadan receives degree along with national group of law enforcement and
emergency response professionals*

Carson City, NV~Thirty-six year old Nevada Highway Patrol Captain Jacquelyn Sandage earned her Masters Degree on September 23, 2005 from the Department of Homeland Security Master's Degree Program in Homeland Defense and Security. Joining a prestigious group of twenty-five graduates from across the US, Captain Sandage is the only Nevadan selected in March of 2004 from a nation wide initial pool of 200 applicants.

The graduating class represents fast-rising professionals from the fields of law enforcement, public health, fire service, and various federal agencies. The intensive application process for acceptance to the program included a self-assessment and experience portfolio consisting of detailed accomplishments in the homeland security field, three letters of recommendation from public safety and/or homeland security officials, and personal leadership essays.

Department of Public Safety Director George Togliatti praised the initiative of Captain Sandage. "I commend Captain Sandage on her graduation from this important national master's degree program. Her participation speaks volumes about her commitment to the Department of Public Safety's goal in leading Nevada in developing strategic preparedness initiatives for acts of terrorism and natural disasters."

Beginning in April 2004, Sandage attended a rigorous and intensive 18-month program with a required two week in-residence training each quarter at the Naval Postgraduate School campus in Monterey California. The remainder of the course work was completed from her Reno command office via a distance-learning, web-based curriculum. Featured courses include: Agro terrorism in rural America, Civil-Military Relations and Law Enforcement~Judicial Issues for Homeland Security, Public Health Policy, Weapons of Mass Detection Prevention Strategies and more. The Office of Domestic Preparedness sponsors each student with fully paid tuition and expenses.

In August of 2003, thirteen year NHP veteran Sandage became the first woman in the history of the Department of Public Safety to be appointed to the rank of Captain. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nevada in 1991. For more information contact Public Information Officer Kim Evans at 775-684-4554.

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